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New U.S. Patent Application

USE OF D-TAGATOSE AS A PREBIOTIC FOOD COMPONENT Mads Liendgaard VIGH and Henrik ANDERSEN

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application - 21 pages, including 2 independent claims and 12 claims total.
- Drawings 5 sheets of FORMAL drawings containing 5 figures. 2.
- 3. Check in the amount of \$760.00 representing the filing fee.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.



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Applicants claim the right to priority based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/075,694, filed February 24, 1998.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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